



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING March 11, 2015 MINUTES**

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a special called meeting on Wednesday March 11, 2015 at the Street Jones Building at 1000 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78702.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Diego Martinez-Moncada, Jose Velasquez, Emilio Zamora and Martha Cotera

Staff in Attendance: Jason Garza, Assistant to the Assistant City Manager

**1. Citizens Communication**

There were no citizens signed up to speak for citizen's communication.

**2. Presentation from Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) regarding NHCD programs and projects (Presenters: Jonathan Tomko NHCD Planner Senior and Cara Welch, Neighborhood Liaison).**

Cara Welch with NHCD began the presentation by giving an overview of program offered by the Client Services division. In her brief, Ms. Welch discussed the 9 programs that are offered by the department as part of the Homebuyer and Home Repair programs. After her presentation, Jonathan Tomko gave a presentation on Austin's Housing and Community Development Needs, Programs and Investments. Through his presentation, Mr. Tomko covered information ranging from demographic changes to housing trends seen in the community. He also gave an overview of the departments funding is allocated as part of the investment plan. After the presentation, staff fielded a number of questions from the Commission from the information that was presented. Staff mentioned that the department would come before the Commission again at their April meeting to review and receive feedback on the Housing and Urban Development Action Plan the City is putting together.

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding on State's position on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).**

The item was postponed to the March 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Commission.

**4. Discussion and possible action regarding more expansive and effective intergovernmental coordination regarding educational issues affecting the Latino community in Austin.**

The item was postponed to the March 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Commission.

5. **Discussion and possible action on the budget recommendations that were made to the City Council during the 2014-2015 budget adoption process.**

The item was withdrawn.

6. **Discussion of future agenda items**

The Commission will receive a briefing from staff from the Health and Human Services Department regarding the programs and projects the department offers. There will also be an item to elect officers and discussion for an item for the April meeting to take policy recommendations to the City Council for implementation.

7. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotera to adjourn and it was seconded by Vice-Chair Martinez-Moncada. The Commission approved the motion unanimously. The Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.